

ELECTION

Applicant traverses the Examiner's restriction requirement, but provisionally elects the species depicted in figures 4, 5, 8, and 17 of a pull door handle adapted to receive interchangeable display inserts. The following claims are specified as reading on the elected species:

- A. Independent claim 1, and dependent claims 2-15 and 17-19;
- B. Independent claim 20, and dependant claims 21-22;
- C. Independent claim 23, and dependent claims 24-25, 28;
- D. Independent claim 29 and dependent claims 30, 32; and
- E. Independent claim 33, and dependent claims 35-38.


REMARKS

A restriction based upon a pulling or pushing door handle has not attained a separate status in the art and should not be considered to be a separate subject for inventive effort. See Class 16/412, 16/110.1 and 49/460 (additional search notes suggesting "push and pull bars" within 16/402). Furthermore, the claims as presented in the application, will not unduly burden the Examiner in her search of the relevant art. For these reasons, the applicant respectfully requests that the requirement be withdrawn upon reconsideration.

Still further, Applicant asserts that independent claims 1, 20 and 29 are generic to the two embodiments of the invention illustrated in the first two groups specified by Examiner, and therefore, upon allowance of claim 1, claim 16 should then be examined as a species thereunder pursuant to Examiner's specification.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, examination and allowance of the pending claims, and passage to issuance of the present application.

If there are any outstanding issues which might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's representative at the telephone number shown below.



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